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1. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Attitude toward US--US Ambassador Briggs in Prague expresses the opinion that the recent "irresponsible behavior" of the Czechoslovak Government indicates that it is determined to reduce diplomatic and other relations with the West to the level prevailing in Moscow. The Ambassador reports that his representations to Czech Foreign Minister Siroky regarding present US-Czechoslovak relations resulted in little more than "frankly expressed disagreements" and that Siroky gave no indication he was influenced in any way by the interview. Briggs comments that the Czechoslovak Government may utilize the coming "espionage" trials in Prague for mounting a major propaganda onslaught against the US.

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